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FOLLOWING REPEAT MOSCOW 8474 ACTION SECSTATE INFO LENINGRAD
DATED JUN 14:

QTE: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE MOSCOW 8474

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PGOV, CASC, UR, US
SUBJECT: DETENTION OF AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT (TOTH, ROBERT)

REF: (A) STATE 135730, (B) STATE 136737, (C) STATE 136522

1. EMBASSY HAS INFORMED PRESS THAT PROTEST WAS MADE TO MFA
JUNE 14 CONCERNING JUNE 11 DETENTION OF TOTH. PRESS WAS TOLD
THAT PROTEST NOTED THAT TOTH DETENTION APPEARED AS PART OF
PERSISTENT EFFORT BY SOVIET AUTHORITIES TO HARRASS AND
INTIMIDATE AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS IN THE EXERCISE OF THEIR
PROFESSION, AND WAS INCONSISTENT WITH HELSINKI FINAL ACT
WHICH CALLS FOR INCREASED OPPORTUNITIES FOR JOURNALISTS TO
COMMUNICATE WITH THEIR SOURCES.

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2. EMBASSY HAS CONFIRMED RECEIPT OF SOVIET PROTEST CONCERNING
TOTH FROM MFA AT SAME MEETING.

3. TOTH INFORMED PRESS THAT HE SUMMONED TO KGB TODAY AND
SEVERAL CORRESPONDENTS WENT TO BUILDING WHERE TOTH ORDERED
TO APPEAR.

4. EMBASSY ACKNOWLEDGING TO PRESS THAT CONSULAR OFFICER
ACCOMPANIED TOTH TO MEETING AND REQUESTED THAT HE BE ALLOWED TO
BE PRESENT AT INTERROGATION, BUT NOT SO PERMITTED BY SOVIET
AUTHORITIES.

5. EMBASSY INFORMING PRESS THAT WE STAND BY OUR ORIGINAL PROTEST.
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